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SUBJECT: ITALIAN CANDIDACY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, NEXT
YEAR

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1. AS PRESAGED REF. A, EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED MFA NOTE VERBALE
(DATED MAY 5) AFFIRMING ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. CANDIDACY THIS
YEAR FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND SOLICITING USG SUPPORT
FOR THE ITALIAN CANDIDACY NEXT YEAR.

2. OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH ASKING USG SUPPORT READS AS FOLLOWS
(INFORMAL) EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

"AS HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED IN APPROPRIATE FORA ITALY,
WHICH PURSUES AT ALL LEVELS WITH ANALAGOUS (TO THE U.S.) AND
CONSTANT ATTENTION THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL PRESENT
ONCE AGAIN ITS OWN CANDIDACY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
FOR THE TRIENNIUM 1979-81. ANY SUPPORT WHICH THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THIS CANDIDACY DURING THE ELECTIONS
TO THE 64 TH SESSION OF ECOSOC WOULD BE APPRECIATED."

3. IN REVIEWING NOTE WITH RELEVANT MFA OFFICIAL, EMBOFF

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COMMENTED

MFA SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY COUNT ON RAPID USG RESPONSE SINCE
WE ARE STILL FAR REMOVED FROM NEXT ECOSOC SESSION AND WASH-
INGTON PERHAPS IS NOT YET FOCUSING ON NEXT YEARS CANDIDACIES.
REPLY WAS TO NOTE THAT GOI IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT REJOINING THE
COMMISSION NEXT YEAR, THAT ITALY IS COUNTING ON U.S. SUPPORT--
PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR US THIS YEAR, AND

THAT, DESPITE LONG LEAD TIME, FRENCH AND FRG GOVERNMENTS HAVE
DECIDED TO SUPPORT ITALIAN CANDIDACY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THESE IS ANYTHING ENCOURAGIN WE CAN
SAY TO GOI AT THIS POINT, WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AND AUTH-
ORIZATION TO DO SO.
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